AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

1. (Currently amended) A transport system for advancing containers, in

particular of an airport baggage handling system, comprising:

a curve section for defining a curved transport path which is defined by

a curve radius;

a container having an underside formed with two longitudinal sidewalls

extending in mirror-symmetric relationship and curved at a radius, which

corresponds to the curve radius, such that a distance between the sidewalls

is at a limit in mid-section of the sidewalls; and

a driving and guiding assembly constructed for forced or form-fitting

engagement with at least one of the sidewalls of the container, at least along

portions thereof to thereby move and guide for advancing and guiding the

container along the transport path, said driving and guiding assembly

including support elements, which support the underside of the container,

and constructed to bear upon at least one of the sidewalls, at least along

portions thereof, in a force locking or form fitting manner for propulsion of

the container.

2. (Original) The transport system of claim 1, wherein the sidewalls are curved

outwardly so that the distance between the sidewalls is at a maximum in

mid-section of the sidewalls.

3. (Original) The transport system of claim 1, wherein the sidewalls are curved inwardly so that the distance between the sidewalls is at a minimum in mid-

section of the sidewalls.

4. (Original) The transport system of claim 1, wherein the driving and guiding

assembly includes a roller assembly having rotatable rollers arranged along

a curved line in coincidence with the curved transport path.

5. (Original) The transport system of claim 4, wherein the rollers are arranged

on both sides of the curved line and roll on the sidewalls indirectly, at least

along portions thereof.

6. (Currently amended) The transport system of claim 1, wherein the sidewalls

bound a groove-shaped passageway formed in the an underside of the

container and extending in transport direction.

7. (Currently amended) The transport system of claim 2, wherein the sidewalls

bound a groove-shaped passageway formed in the an underside of the

container and extending in transport direction, said driving and guiding

assembly engaging in the passageway and bearing upon the sidewalls, at

least along portions thereof.

8. (Original) The transport system of claim 4, wherein the driving and guiding assembly has a driving belt, wherein a first plurality of the rollers are disposed inwards in relation to the curve line and roll freely rotatable directly on the sidewalls, and a second plurality of the rollers are disposed outwards in relation to the curve line and propel the driving belt, with the driving belt having an outer side bearing upon a confronting one of the sidewalls in a force-locking or form-fitting manner.

9. (Original) The transport system of claim 8, wherein the roller assembly includes a plurality of lever arms, each of the lever arms swingably supporting a corresponding one of the outer rollers for rotation about an axis, whereby the lever arms and the outer rollers are placed into one-to-one correspondence, said lever arms swinging about a pivot axis which extends in parallel relationship to the axis of the rollers between the outer rollers and the inner rollers.

10. (Original) The transport system of claim 8, wherein the roller assembly includes fixed secondary rollers disposed along the curve line between the outer rollers and the inner rollers in such a manner that the driving belt has a load strand which runs in a wavy shape along the secondary rollers, wherein the outer rollers are pushed about the pivot axis to the outside during operation of the driving belt to brace the container between the inner rollers and an outer side of the driving belt.

11. (Currently amended) The transport system of claim 3, wherein the sidewalls bound a web-like projection formed on the <u>an</u> underside of the container and extending in transport direction.

12. (Original) The transport system of claim 4, wherein the driving and guiding assembly has a driving belt, wherein a first plurality of the rollers are disposed inwards in relation to the curve line and roll freely rotatable directly on the sidewalls, and a second plurality of the rollers are disposed outwards in relation to the curve line and propel the driving belt, with the driving belt having an outer side bearing upon a confronting one of the sidewalls in a force-locking or form-fitting manner, or vice versa.

13. (Currently amended) The transport system of claim 1, wherein the <u>driving</u> and <u>guiding assembly includes</u> support elements <u>which support an</u> <u>underside of the container and</u> are constructed as ball rollers or sliding surfaces.

14. (Currently amended) A curve section for a transport system for advancing

containers, comprising:

a curved track for defining a curved transport path which is defined by

a curve radius; and

a driving and guiding assembly constructed for forced or form-fitting

engagement with at least one of the sidewalls of the container, at least along

portions thereof to thereby move and guide for advancing and guiding a

container along the transport path, said driving and guiding assembly

including support elements, which support the underside of the container,

and constructed to bear upon a longitudinal sidewall of the container, at

least along portions thereof, in a force locking or form-fitting manner for

propulsion of the container.

15. (Original) The curve section of claim 14, wherein the driving and guiding

assembly includes a roller assembly having rotatable rollers arranged along

a curved line in coincidence with the curved transport path.

16. (Original) The curve section of claim 15, wherein the rollers are arranged on

both sides of the curved line to bear upon the sidewall and an opposite

further longitudinal sidewall of the container, at least along portions thereof.

17. (Currently amended) The curve section of claim 14, wherein the driving and

guiding assembly engages in a passageway of the container to bears bear

upon the at least one sidewall.

18. (Original) The curve section of claim 14, wherein the driving and guiding

assembly has a driving belt, wherein a first plurality of the rollers are

disposed inwards in relation to the curve line and roll freely rotatable directly

on the sidewall, and a second plurality of the rollers are disposed outwards

in relation to the curve line and propel the driving belt, with the driving belt

having an outer side bearing upon a confronting further longitudinal sidewall

in a force-locking or form-fitting manner.

19. (Original) The curve section of claim 18, wherein the roller assembly

includes a plurality of lever arms, each of the lever arms swingably

supporting a corresponding one of the outer rollers for rotation about an

axis, whereby the lever arms and the outer rollers are placed into one-to-one

correspondence, said lever arms swinging about a pivot axis which extends

in parallel relationship to the axis of the rollers between the outer rollers and

the inner rollers.

20. (Original) The curve section of claim 18, wherein the roller assembly includes fixed secondary rollers disposed along the curve line between the outer rollers and the inner rollers in such a manner that the driving belt has a load strand which runs in a wavy shape along the secondary rollers, wherein the outer rollers are pressed about the pivot axis to the outside during operation of the driving belt to brace the container between the inner rollers and an outer side of the driving belt.

21. (Currently amended) The curve section of claim 14, wherein the <u>driving and guiding assembly includes</u> support elements <u>which support an underside of the container and</u> are constructed as ball rollers or sliding surfaces.